

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the call was withdrawn, and bill rejected by the following vote :

Yeas—Messrs. Bogart, Davis, Doane, Eddy, Hill, Kinney, Merriman, Meusebach, Reaves and Williams—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bigelow, Burks, Burleson, Dancy, Duggan, Gray, Grimes, Hart, Parker, Scott, Sterne, Taylor, Truit and Wilson—14.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, the vote just taken was re-considered.

The yeas and Nays were again called on the passage of the bill, and were as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Bigelow, Doane, Hill, Kinney, Merriman, Meusebach, Reaves, Williams and Wilson—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bogart, Burks, Burleson, Dancy, Davis, Duggan, Eddy, Gray, Grimes, Hart, Parker, Scott, Sterne, Taylor and Truit—15. Rejected.

On motion of Mr. Bogart, the vote just taken was re-considered, and bill again rejected by the following vote :

YEAS—Messrs. Bigelow, Bogart, Davis, Doane, Grimes, Hill, Kinney, Merriman, Meusebach, Reaves, Williams and Wilson. 12.

NAYS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burks, Burleson, Dancy, Duggan, Eddy, Gray, Hart, Parker, Scott, Sterne, Taylor and Truit—13.

The following bills were severally read a third time and passed, to wit :

A bill to authorize the County Court of El Paso county to appoint the place of holding the District Court in said county, and define the time of holding the District Courts in the 11th Judicial District ;

A bill to remove certain Spanish records, hereinafter described, from the General Land Office to the county court clerk's office of Refugio county ; and

A bill to incorporate the town of Daingerfield.

On motion of Mr. Sterne, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, December 12, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smith—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Private Land

Claims, reported back a bill to authorize Bartlett Sims to raise a location therein named, and locate the same upon any vacant land, and

A bill to authorize the commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent in the name of William McMin Nuner, on certificate No. 508, and recommend their passage.

Mr. Taylor, from the same committee, reported back a bill for the relief of Christopher Troutz, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Reaves introduced a joint resolution, fixing the time at which the fourth Legislature shall adjourn; read first time.

Mr. Taylor offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Public Lands be requested to take under consideration the propriety of the passage of some law requiring surveys to be made on files upon land within a given time.

Mr. Sterne moved to reconsider the vote which rejected a bill to regulate the pay of members and officers of the Legislature.

Mr. Taylor moved to lay the motion on the table; carried by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Burks, Burleson, Dancy, Davis, Eddy, Gray, Hill, Parker, Scott, Sterne, Taylor, Truit and Williams—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Bigelow, Bogart, Doane, Duggan, Grimes, Hart, Merriman, Meusebach, Reaves and Wilson—10.

On motion of Mr. Armstrong, the report of the committee on Public Lands, on Joint resolution for the relief of James Pratt Plummer, was taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill better defining the boundaries of Denton county; read, and passed to third reading.

A bill for the relief of the securities of John W. McKissick, late assessor and collector; read and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow, Mr. Meusebach was added to the committee to which was referred that portion of the Governor's message relating to the tenure of lands in Peter's colony.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Jonathan Wallace, dec'd; read, and ordered to be engrossed.

The report of the committee on Private Land Claims on the petition of Jonathan S. Lee, reporting it inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioner, was read and adopted.

A bill validating certain certificates therein mentioned; read, and, on motion of Mr. Williams, laid on the table.

A bill to locate permanently the seat of justice of Lavaca county, offering amendments thereto, was read and amendments adopted.

Mr. Duggan offered the following amendment :

Amend by striking out the word " June," in the second line in first section, and insert " April ;" and amend the fourth section so as to read as follows : " That none but the citizens of said county who shall be qualified to vote for members of the Legislature, shall be allowed to vote at said election ;" adopted.

Mr. Duggan also offered the following amendment :

" Provided further, that in the event of the removal of the county seat from Petersburg, it shall be the duty of the county court, upon the application of any person or persons having made or now owning improvements on any of the lots of said town, which were made in consequence of the county seat being located there, to estimate the value of all such improvements, upon proof before said court, as though the county seat was still permanently located at said town of Petersburg, and all estimates thus made shall be certified to by said county court, and shall stand as a debt against said county, to be paid out of the first money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated ;" adopted.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the vote adopting the above amendment was reconsidered, and amendment rejected, and the Senate refused to pass the bill to a third reading.

Joint resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress, to urge the passage of a law allowing drawback upon foreign goods imported into the United States, and exported by land through Texas to Chihuahua and northern Mexico ; read, and, on motion of Mr. Meusebach, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Eddy, Mr. Burleson was added to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill for the relief of Jesse Billingsly, assignee of Noah Smithwick ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Burleson, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

A bill for the relief of Noah Smithwick ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Burleson, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Joint resolution for the relief of James Pratt Plummer ; read, and, on motion of Mr. Parker, referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill for the relief of John W. King ; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Wilson, referred to the committee on Public Debt.

A bill for the relief of Peter Murphy, his legal heirs or assigns; read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to declare the Little Cypress Bayou a navigable stream; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Scott, referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

The resolution of the Senate instructing the committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the poll tax; read and rejected.

The resolution of the Senate requiring the committee on Printing, to contract for the printing of five hundred copies of the Comptroller's report for 1850 and 1851; read and adopted.

A bill for the relief of Edward H. Tarrant; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Wilson, referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill providing for taking the depositions of witnesses residing in the county where such depositions are to be used in evidence;

And a bill concerning estates of persons convicted and sentenced to confinement in the State Penitentiary, were read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Davis, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Gray, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, December 13, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Smith—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of George W. Wright: referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Meusebach presented the petition of sundry citizens of the county of Comal: referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Bogart, chairman of the committee on Counties and County Boundaries, reported back a bill to incorporate the town of Gilmer, in Upshur county, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Eddy made the following report:

The committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate, instructing said committee to contract for the printing of 500 copies of the report of the Comptroller for the years 1850 and 1851, have contracted for the printing of the same with Messrs. De Cordova & Co., at the rate of one-sixth